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### PLATFORM ON WHICH KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS WILL FIGHT THIS FALL. On National Issues.

Sec. 1.—We, the Democrats of Kentucky, in delegate convention duly assembled and held in the city of Louisville, Ky., on Aug. 15, 1911, do hereby pledge anew our faith in and devotion to the time-honored and eternal principles of our party first promulgated in the declaration of independence and since reaffirmed in successive platform of the party, and we especially reaffirm our faith in and devotion to the National Democratic platform adopted at Denver, Colo., in the year, 1908.

Sec. 2.—We denounce the Republican party and the present Republican president for their flagrant and willful betrayal of the trust reposed in them by the American people and call attention especially to the fact that they have willfully disregarded their pre-election promises to the effect that they would revise downward the unjust tariff system and would relieve the masses of the people of the heavy burdens of unjust and unnecessary taxation.

On the contrary, the Republicans enacted the odious Payne-Aldrich tariff law of 1909, pronounced by Mr. Taft to be "the best Republican tariff law ever passed," and which law was a gross breach of faith of the Republican president and his political party. This tariff law, in order to enrich the few, increased the burdens of the many, and authorized those favored few not only to continue, but to increase, their robbery of the many under the forms of law.

Sec. 3.—We point with pride to, and heartily endorse, the patriotic record made by the present Democratic members of congress and Democratic senators, in their efforts, over determined Republican opposition to, in good faith, redeem the promises of the Democratic party to repeal unjust and oppressive Republican laws, and to enact wise and just laws for the benefit of the great masses of the people, and we invite all to contrast the aims and records of the Democrats in the house and senate of the present session of congress with the aims and record of Republicans and especially with the Republican session of 1909, which enacted the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

We especially endorse the rec-

ord of our Democratic congressmen and senator from Kentucky for their fidelity in keeping the promises of their party and representing the people and not the interests, and we denounce the record of the Republican congressmen and senator from Kentucky because they have represented not the people nor have they sought to relieve their burdens, but have represented the privileged, protected interests of the country.

### On State Issues.

Sec. 4.—Kentucky is, and of right ought to be, a Democratic state, and the Democratic party in appealing for the support of the electorate of the state eagerly invites an intelligent comparison of the records it has made with those made by its political adversary during the temporary occasions it has controlled the affairs of the state.

As against the Republican record in Kentucky of assassination, bloodshed and disregard of law, we present the Democratic picture of peace, scrupulous regard for human life and a strict observance of, and respect for, law; as against an empty treasury, and rejection and shaming of honest demands against the state, we present a picture of a magnificent state capitol erected and paid for without any extra tax, and every just claim against the state promptly met and paid in full; as against platform pledges and promises broken and made to be broken, we present a record of all pledges and promises, faithfully kept; as against hypocrisy, demagoguery and incompetency we present a record of sincerity, fidelity, competency and statesmanship.

We denounce the action of the Republican Governor for his partisan and unjust action in pardoning the men indicted for participation in the assassination of William Goebel, the governor of our state, and we assert that those pardons were granted for political reasons, and not upon the merits of the cases.

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We charge the Republican party, both in the state and in the nation, with gross extravagance and willful waste in the expenditure of the people's money, and we pledge ourselves to retrenchment and reform and to an economical, business administration of public affairs.

Sec. 5.—We are in favor of conducting all primary elections under lawful authority and at public expense and to be regulated in the same manner and subject to the same penalties, for violations, as in case of regular elections.

Sec. 6.—We favor the enactment of an explicit and effective corrupt practice act, which shall determine what campaign expenses shall be legitimate, and which shall provide for the compulsory publication in detail, under heavy penalties, of the campaign expenses of every candidate for public office.

Sec. 7.—We favor the enacting of such additional laws as will make our entire common school system more efficient and more practical.

We pledge our support to our school system and the educational institutions of the state, wisely and economically administered. Money appropriated for the education of the people is an investment and not an expense; school trustees, school boards and all school officials should be held rigidly responsible for adequate returns on every dollar so invested. We charge the Republican party with neglect and indifference towards our school system.

Recognizing that a large majority of the teachers of our common schools are women and that women are now eligible to be elected school trustee, county school superintendent, and to hold office, and are frequently so elected, we favor the extension to women of suffrage in all school elections, subject to such wise regulations as to qualifications as the general assembly may determine.

Sec. 8.—We favor such laws as will, under appropriate penalties, destroy all corrupt lobbying seeking to influence any legislative body in the commonwealth on the subject of legislation or the election of officers by it, or in any other matter; but we recognize the constitutional right of the people to petition and to be impartially heard on all questions.

Sec. 9.—We favor, under wise and proper restrictions, the creation of a state utilities commission, having ample powers to discharge its duties.

Sec. 10.—We favor a change in the present method of selecting the Prison Commissioners of the state, and the removal of all politics from the management of our penal institutions. While commending the present Board of Prison Commissioners for its successful management of the institutions under its care, we recognize that the system of election by the Legislature, under which they are elected, is unwise, and we therefore favor such a change as will place their appointments in the hands of the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, or some other method such as the General Assembly may provide.

Sec. 11.—We favor a law requiring that a uniform system of accounting be installed and conducted in all public offices charged with the collection and disbursement of public moneys.

Sec. 12.—We favor the general assembly submitting to a vote of the people whether or not they desire to adopt an amendment of our state constitution broadening the powers of the general assembly, so that it may classify property for the purpose of taxation; but we are opposed to any law the effect of which would be to lighten the burdens of taxation on the wealthy and on corporations at the expense of the poor, the farmer or the laboring man.

Sec. 13.—Temperance is essen-

tially a moral, non-political, and social question and should not be made a partisan issue between political parties.

We favor the extension of the present local option law as applied to the sale of liquors, and which has been upheld by our highest court as valid and constitutional, so that the citizens of each and every county in the state may determine for themselves whether spirituous, vinous or malt liquors may be sold therein.

Sec. 14.—We favor organization and co-operation among the farmers and laborers of the state and the enactment of such constitutional laws as will protect them from the greed and oppression of the trusts and monopolies of the country, which are the direct fruit of Republican legislation.

Sec. 15.—We favor such wise and conservative laws as will encourage road and bridge building in Kentucky, and we favor reasonable state aid for the construction of roads and bridges, but only on condition that each county or local community, which is primarily benefited, shall first do its part and discharge its duty to itself in this regard.

Sec. 16.—We favor the creation removed from politics, of a department of banking, providing for competent inspection of all our state financial institutions, and similar to the system now existing for national banks.

Sec. 17.—We favor the enactment of such wise laws as will put into effect all sections and provisions of the state constitution, and we declare that we are in favor of the enforcement of all laws.

Sec. 18.—We favor the enactment of such wise laws for the protection from accident and injury of all laborers engaged in hazardous employments, and we favor a wise, conservative law regulating the arbitration of labor strikes and disputes.

Sec. 19.—We favor a law prohibiting peonage and female slave traffic, regardless of color.

Sec. 20.—We are opposed to all mobs and lynchings and are in favor of imposing the severest penalty possible, under our constitution, on all officers who fail to protect prisoners entrusted to their keeping.

Sec. 21.—The Democratic party has always been the party of religious as well as of civil liberty in Kentucky and in the republic. It refers with pride to its noble and consistent record on this important question so "dear to every true American heart." We are in full accord, both in letter and in spirit, with the teachings of Thomas Jefferson, the founder of our party on this question and with the provisions of our state and federal constitutions, and we are unalterably opposed to raising any religious test as a qualification for holding any office in the state or nation.

Sec. 22.—We favor the nomination and election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Sec. 23.—We denounce and are opposed to Cannonism or one-man power in all representative assemblies whether it be in the congress or in representative conventions. We favor the "rule of the people."

Sec. 24.—On this platform of principles and on the aims and purposes of our party in the state

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and in the nation we appeal to all Kentuckians, irrespective of previous political affiliations, who are proud of the past and desire a still more prosperous and more progressive present and future, for all our people, to support our magnificent state ticket, including our nominee for United States senator and our nominees for general assembly and other offices.

### Conclusion.

Sec. 25.—In conclusion we call the attention of Kentuckians to the fact that democratic principles are triumphant in the nation and in almost every state and that the Republican party everywhere is professing to adopt Democratic principles in its platform, but we warn them that the Republicans of this state have placed in their platform some progressive Democratic doctrines not with a view of carrying them out or to attempt to carry them out, in good faith, in the improbable event of their success at the polls next November, but only for the present purpose of catching votes and deceiving the people so that they might get the offices and emoluments thereof. The broken promises of the present Republican state and national administrations as well as the entire history of the Republican party is sufficient to convince all fair-minded citizens of the insincerity of the Republican party and that it is not the party of the people; while on the other hand the record and history of the Democratic party in the nation and in the state, conclusively established its devotion to duty and its purpose in good faith to redeem all platform pledges made to the people.

J. C. W. BECKHAM,  
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H. A. SOMMERS,  
State-at-large;

DENNY P. SMITH,  
First district;

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Second district;

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Third district;

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Fourth district;

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Eighth district;

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Ninth district;

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Tenth district;

S. B. DISHMAN,  
Eleventh district.

### BIG SHOW COMING

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dust, the panorama of moving crowds, and the subtle air of excitement that goes with a circus, the Dan Robinson show paid us its annual visit.

"The crowd was a circus crowd. There were people of all classes—youngsters with eyes and mouths wide opened at the strange, mysterious things that surrounded them, old folks seeking the youth-inspiring atmosphere of the big show, people that had never seen a circus. Around the circus grounds were booths and wagons where circus peanuts, popcorn and lemonade could be bought. But there was no pink lemonade. That time-honored beverage was vanquished, and all that was sold was as clear as crystal.

"When with a fanfare of trumpets and a clapping of hands from the vast audience beneath the domelike canvass roof, the grand march began almost every seat was filled. All eyes were turned toward the entrance as with a fantastically garbed band in the van, the procession of wild beasts, clever and daring performers and equestrians and all the rest of the circus citizens marched by.

"In the big rings something was transpiring all the time. Acrobats and wire-walkers provided me thrills and the breathless expressions of amazement, beautiful and well-groomed horses and intelligent elephants elicited admiration, and a regiment of comical clowns relieved the thrills and brought forth laughs. So different was each act that none could especially be designated as the crowning one of the show.

"There were many equestrian acts, all of which received their due meen.

"Coming as a ridiculous contrast to the daring feats performed near the top of the tent was the "Congress of Fools," which constituted a parade of all the clowns in the show. Leading the mob of grotesque, ridiculously clothed funmakers was a good imitation of T. Roosevelt, carrying a gun and a pistol, and with him the animals of the jungle that he had tamed. There was a lion with the orange-colored mane, agiraffe with purple spots, weird beasts never before seen by man, and as "Toothsome Teddy" strode down the sawdust track with his menagerie on his heels he received the laughs and cheers of everybody.

"The races were thrilling enough, but the real thrill was provided in the first race, when five women riders tore around the track at a quick pace.

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